

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT: TREESTAND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (TMA) ANNUAL
MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING: 1/16/2003

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: DeWane Ray, ESME

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: 1/23/2003

LOCATION: ATA Trade Show, Indianapolis, IN

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): DeWane Ray, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): TMA members (see attached brochure)

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The agenda for the meeting is included as an attachment to this log. CPSC provided a brief overview of the agency and a brief description of the petition regarding treestand safety CP 02-3. The TMA approved a standard TMS 06-02 (Standard Test Method for Treestand Fall Arrest System) which will require manufacturers that are TMA certified to provide a full body harness with each treestand. The effective date will be one year from the approval date.

CPSA 6 (b)(1) Cleared

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Products Identified**

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December 5, 2002

To: All TMA Members and Supporting Members:

Subject: Notice of Annual TMA Meeting

The 2003 TMA annual meeting will held in conjunction with the ATA (AMO) Trade Show in Indianapolis, IN at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2003 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Wabash Ballroom # 1 located in the Center. Refreshments will be served after the meeting compliments of Burr & Company.**

The format of the meeting will be as follows:

	<u>Time allotted</u>
▪ Welcoming of members and guests & Roll Call.	(5 minutes)
▪ Reading of the notice and proof of mailing.	(5 minutes)
▪ Reading of the minutes of the last meeting.	(10 minutes)
▪ Report of the President.	(10 minutes)
▪ Report of the Secretary.	(5 minutes)
▪ Report of the Treasurer.	(5 minutes)
▪ Election of directors.	<u>(10 minutes)</u>
Old Business:	(50 minutes)
▪ Report from the Board on petition filled with CPSC.	(5 minutes)
▪ Approval of TMS 06-02	(10 minutes)
▪ Amendments to ASTM Standards for Treestands	(10 minutes)
▪ Membership Certification Status.	<u>(5 minutes)</u>
New Business:	(30 minutes)
▪ Certification Labels.	(5 minutes)
▪ ASTM Treestand Safety Sub-Committee.	(5 minutes)
▪ Additional Test facilities.	(10 minutes)
▪ New standards vs. amending existing standards.	(5 minutes)
▪ Membership recruitment.	(5 minutes)
▪ Other new business from the floor.	<u>(10 minutes)</u>
▪ Adjournment	(40 minutes)

For the TMA Board

**Treestand Manufacturer's Association
P.O. Box 15214 Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5214**

What is TMA?

The Treestand Manufacturer's Association is an association open for membership to any treestand manufacturing company for the purpose of promoting hunting, hunting ethics, hunting safety, wildlife conservation, public awareness of the hunting experience, product safety improvement and fostering relationships with organizations with similar goals. It can accept membership from those manufacturers of products that assist hunters in obtaining an elevated hunting position or which add to the hunter's safety while hunting in an elevated hunting device.

What does TMA do?

The TMA specifically devotes its resources to treestand safety. It endeavors to improve treestand safety by education in the proper use of treestands, the development of treestand manufacturing standards, product testing, manufacturing quality control and the promotion of mandatory use of a Fall Arrest System, specifically, a Full Body Harness.

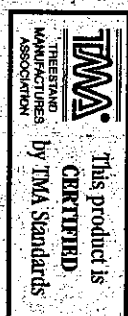
Further, the TMA requires its members to actively seek certification of conformance to association standards on all treestand products. The TMA Certification is publicized within the hunting population to assist the consumer in selection of products meeting these standards. TMA Members who have conformed to all TMA Standards are authorized to use the TMA Certification label on products that have been tested and approved.

How does TMA operate?

The TMA also functions as a sub-committee of the Archery Manufacturers and Merchants Organization, AMO.

By virtue of its by-laws the TMA has an annual meeting at the AMO Archery Trade Show each year. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. At that

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What has TMA done?

◆ Several years ago, upon forming the association, industry standards were developed and voted on for acceptance by the association. All known treestand manufacturers, both members and non-members at that time, were contacted and furnished with the draft standards for review. The standards were adopted at an annual meeting and an independent engineering testing company was contracted to certify that each product met or exceeded these TMA Standards. This is a continuous process and certification includes the approval of a manufacturing

quality assurance program by the manufacturer. In 2001 ASTM (the American Society for Testing and Materials) approved and adopted the 9 TMA Standards listed below:

- ASTM F2120-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 01-96) (Standard Practice for Testing Treestand Load Capacity)
- ASTM F2121-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 02-98) (Standard Practice for Treestand Labels)
- ASTM F2122-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 03-98) (Standard Practice for Treestand Safety Devices)
- ASTM F2123-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 04-98) (Standard Practice for Treestand Instructions)
- ASTM F2124-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 05-00) (Standard Practice for Testing Ladder, Tripod and Climbing Stick Load Capacity)
- ASTM F2125-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 12-98) (Standard Test Method for Treestand Static Stability)
- ASTM F2126-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 11-98) (Standard Test Method for Treestand Adherence)
- ASTM F2127-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 13-98) (Standard Test Method for Treestand Repetitive Loading)
- ASTM F2128-01 01-Feb-2001 (TMS 15-98) (Standard Test Method for Treestand Repetitive Loading)

◆ TMA jointly sponsored and produced, with the AMO, the NBEF safety video entitled *Safe Treestand Hunting*. This video is widely used by the NBEF, state DNR safety coordinators and other hunter safety instructors, as well as being furnished by several TMA treestand manufacturers with their products.

◆ TMA has promoted the use of Full Body Harness fall arrest systems and supports legislative action for mandatory use.

Who is TMA?

Regular Membership: Any Corporation that manufactures treestands or products that assist hunters to an elevated hunting position or add to the hunter's safety may be given membership in this association. Membership in this association is limited in that each regular member has only one ballot for voting purposes and each regular

member, if elected, may serve as only one officer or board member.
Annual dues \$ 500 - regular member
\$1,000 - certified member

Supporting Membership: Any Organization that is deemed by the board of directors to add value to this association through their support of the association's chapter and have business interest with the association may be given supporting membership. Supporting members will not have voting privileges. Supporting Members are asked to contribute annually based on the following classifications: \$500 - Retailer/Representative OR \$1,000 - Distributor/Mail Order/Catalog, Chain Store, Publisher, TV/Video Production, and Press.

What is TMA doing?

- ◆ Continues to fulfill its charter purpose and enlist new members.
- ◆ Solicit supporting members to assist in educating the treestand user.
- ◆ Submit to the ASTM (the American Society for Testing and Materials) Subcommittee, a proposal to form a Treestand Safety Subcommittee. If approved, this action would improve the standard approval process and expedite revisions of existing standards.
- ◆ Most importantly, it continues to seek new ways to promote treestand safety. TMA solicits involvement from the hunting industry and encourages setting a good example for treestand safety and the use of a Full Body Harness.
- ◆ TMA Board has appointed John Louk as Executive Director to oversee the daily activities of the association. His duties will include: establish office and improve communications between the members and industry; monitor product testing and certification process; be responsible for and take a leading role in public relations of the association; directly support TMA Board, and maintain and approve purchase orders for certification labels.

The following manufacturers are active members of the TMA:

API

BBK Enterprises, Inc.

Bear River/USL Products

Big Oak Treestands

Buckfinder Hunting Products, Inc.

Cabela's

Deer Stands

Gorilla, Inc.

Hunter Safety System

Hunter's View, Ltd.

IMM

Loggy Bayou Enterprises, LLC

O' Man Treestands

Professional Hunting Products, LLC

Rivers Edge Hunting Products

Sagittarius Sporting Goods

Standard Stand Company

Strongbuilt, Inc.

Summit Specialties, Inc.

Tahsin Industrial Corp. USA

Tournament Grade Mtg

Trailhawk Treestands

Tree Lounge (CESSCO, LLC)

Vulture Treestands

Wildlife Innovations

The following TMA members are CERTIFIED to TMA Standards:

API

Blackwater Creek Treestands

Hunter's View, Ltd.

O' Man Treestands

Rivers Edge

Strongbuilt, Inc.

Summit Specialties, Inc.

Trailhawk Treest

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